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SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED (International Application No.: PCT/EP00/01903)
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FOR : STABLE RECOMBINANT INFLUENZA VIRUSES FREE OF HELPER VIRUSES
ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED
EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following new paragraph as the first paragraph of the application: --- This application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/01903 filed on March 3, 2000. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5, 10-23 and 25-30 as follows: